

# K E N S I N G T O N O U T L O O K

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# All That Jazz

Another performance will be held March 8 of this not-to-be-missed production



*Ms. McKnight's second-grade class at Hilltop School perform All That Jazz, an evening of spirited song and dance for the benefit of Progress Elementary School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.*

On February 9 and 10 the second-grade pupils of Ms. McKnight's class at Hilltop School once again rose to the challenge of helping those less fortunate with a wonderful, heartfelt benefit concert called All That Jazz.

The girls dressed in matching flapper dresses and the boys in ties and black hats sang their hearts out and danced 13 jazz numbers made famous by Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, and Louis Armstrong. They were accompanied by musicians Ron Ricks, Rich Newman, Julia Herbst, and Jan Jones.

The pupils and staff at Hilltop School are dedicated to helping their adopted sister school, Progress Elementary School in Baton Rouge, LA. The school in Baton Rouge opened its doors to all displaced children, without having assurances that they could pay for the care they provided. The money sent from Hilltop was the first they received from anywhere. The

first two concerts raised an extra \$2,000 toward relief for the Baton Rouge school. Janet McKnight said, "Our hope is that the people in our community will step forward and let Progress Elementary School know we care."

If you missed the February performances, there will be one more opportunity to see All That Jazz on Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Hilltop School. Admission is free, and donations can be made at the school. This upcoming performance is due to the overwhelming requests from parents and friends who missed All That Jazz, or want to see it again.

Previously the Hilltop students sold t-shirts and raised over \$7,000 for tsunami victims. More recently, they have been hard at work raising money for Katrina victims and their sister school in Baton Rouge. In addition to giving these live performances to the community,

the children are selling green rubber wristbands for \$3. This effort is being led by fifth-grader Corey Roehl. The Hilltop School children and staff wrote to the new moms in Baton Rouge and sent them and their infants new clothing. They also raised money selling hundreds of specially printed greeting cards. Cathy Garza of the PTA and Nora Hirose of KEF said they expect the fundraising to go on for some time, as the financial problems of schools in Louisiana show no signs of ending soon.

The cards, sold by the students and by the Kensington Pharmacy, were donated by Colorgraphics.

*If you would like to help the kids with this ongoing project, please send donations to:*  
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## Household toxic waste banned from landfill

## New laws for disposing of household waste as of February 2006

A state law, the Electronic Waste Recycling Act, stipulates that no “universal waste” can be disposed of in the Bay Area. Universal waste is categorized as all kinds of batteries, including small watch and hearing aid batteries; fluorescent bulbs and others that may contain even trace amounts of mercury vapor, including metal halide, sodium, and neon bulbs; old-fashioned thermostats; and electronic devices, including televisions, VCRs and DVD players, cell phones, telephones, radios, and microwave ovens. Additionally some chest freezers, pre-1972 washing machines, sump pumps, electric space heaters, clothes irons, silent light switches, automobile hood and trunk lights, and ABS brakes are also

included in the category. The act, which first became law in 2004, previously exempted residential consumers, but beginning in February of this year it covers all disposable waste.

These items must be disposed of only at waste management agencies in the county where you reside. The nearest one to Kensington is the West County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, at 101 Pittsburg Ave., Richmond (888-412-9277). Hours are 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (closed 12–12:30 p.m. for lunch).

There is no charge for disposing of universal waste, although the city will be charged for your visit, and small businesses are charged a fee depending on the waste. You need a photo ID to

show you are a Contra Costa resident. Limit is five large electronic items per visit. If you are unsure just what constitutes universal waste, you can call the Waste Evaluation help line at (916) 322-7676 or visit [www.recyclemore.com](http://www.recyclemore.com). Similar disposal facilities can be found in Martinez and Antioch.

The Alameda County Computer Resource Center will dispose of (and usually recycle) computers, monitors, printers, TVs, cell phones, fax machines, and such. The ACCRC is located at 1501 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley, (528-4052). There is usually a small charge for accepting these items. Call or check the Web site for further details:  
[www.accrc.org](http://www.accrc.org).

# Spring Celebration

Art, collectables,  
food, and fun, plus the  
opportunity to support  
our community

The Kensington Community Council's Spring Celebration will once again feature a silent auction of works of art, many excellent collectables, and some other fun items. This eighteenth Spring Celebration is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and other Kensington residents. As usual, it will be at the Kensington Community Center on March 18. It starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Refreshments will be served from an appetizer buffet, along with beer, wines, and soft drinks. The silent auction will close at 9 p.m. Among the many fine items already donated for this year's auction is a junior tennis racket from Alex Brown, prints from Kensington photographer Joseph Holmes, clay art from Patty and Leo Carrousel, a case of wine from Ruth Frassetto, a color photo from Keith Jefferds, a KASEP class of choice, and the first registration slot plus a week of KCC Day Camp. Also donated are a color etching from Elizabeth Kavalier, a pie a month for a year from Nation's Foodservice, jewelry from Dena Fredric, pottery from Anne Stewart, a photograph from Clif Taylor, a watercolor from Carla Van Slyke, and a college admissions counseling session from Jim and Dorothy Walker, an antique quilt, and many ceramic pieces, and other art.


During the event, a party will be held for the children of attendees (age three and older). The party includes pizza and a movie at no charge.

Sponsorship has been provided by the Kensington office of Marvin Gardens Real Estate and Andronico's Market. The event has been underwritten by the Mechanics Bank on Arlington Avenue. The proceeds from the night will benefit Kensington Community Council's many education and recreation programs.

Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased from the KCC office, or call Esther Hill at 525-0292 to reserve a space, and tickets will be held at the door.


Donations of art, books, jewelry, and other items are appreciated up to the day before the auction. To donate an item to the silent auction, please call Danielle Power at 524-6737.

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Helmut and Chinda Blaschczyk	\$25


### Donations to Kensington Park

Joan Gallegos	\$2,000
Robert & Wendy Bergman	\$250
Paul Haxo & Katherine Clagett	\$50
Peter Lahti	\$50
Irwin & Helen Horowitz	\$50
KPOA (Kensington Property Owners Association)	\$4,800
donation in memory of John Osborn	

The following donations were made toward the construction of bathrooms in the park. More donations are urgently needed. Currently, the only toilets available are in the library. When the library is closed, there are no toilets available to children playing in the park.

Tobey & Jenny Parks	\$50
Ciara Wood	\$2,500

## Pet of the month



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## The rhythm of swing

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The classes are great for beginners and those with some experience with swing dancing. The class starts with the basic steps, and everyone will be dancing by the end of the first class. The following classes will build upon the basics established in the first class, to create a thorough repertoire of steps and moves by the end of the

session. The classes are on Friday evenings, 8–9 p.m., starting on April 28 and continuing through May 26, with the exception of Friday, May 12.

Nick has lots of experience teaching; he started swing dancing 22 years ago and has been teaching for the past 15 years. He has classes at Ashkenaz in Berkeley and in other locations around the Bay Area. He says he is committed to making dance accessible to everybody.

The fee for the four classes is \$48. Nonresidents please add 10%. No partner is needed to sign up for the classes. Please call the KCC office at 525-0292 to register. Classes will be held at the Community Center. This class filled up very quickly last time, so sign up early.

For more information about the class, please call Nick at 524-2546.

# Kensington Community Council Summer Day Camp

The KCC Summer Day Camp will be starting before we know it, and the organizers have set up another fun-filled schedule. The calendar includes a full schedule of classes, field trips, and activities. The camp is for children entering first through sixth grades in Fall 2006. It runs June 12 through August 18, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. To ensure the best experience for each child, the camp takes a maximum of 62 children per week on each field trip. One director, a head counselor, eight counselors, and a “specialty consultant” work with the campers each week. Be sure to sign up early, as trips are expected to fill up quickly. Drop-ins are not permitted.

Each week the campers will participate in at least one major trip by private bus to points of interest around the Bay Area, such as Scandia, Water World, the Exploratorium, or an Oakland A’s baseball game. Also, there will be special activities with a variety of professionals in their areas of expertise. The kids will also be offered hiking, games, arts and crafts, and lots of fun! And for those who choose, Alex Brown will teach tennis three days a week.

The cost for the Summer Day Camp is \$200 per week, \$100 for the three-day week of July 4. This covers all transportation, snacks, entrance fees, activities, and a KCC Summer Camp t-shirt for field trips. A nonrefundable deposit of \$50 per child per week is required with the application; this deposit is deducted from the balance due for camp. There are a limited number of partial scholarships available.

Registration for Kensington residents and camp alumni will take place on Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center and Friday, March 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the KCC office.

Registration for nonresidents on a space-available basis is on Monday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the KCC office.

The planned special activity and field trip schedule includes:

- Week 1, June 12–June 16**  
Carpentry with Sandy Thacker  
Field trip on 6/14 to the Exploratorium
- Week 2, June 19–June 23**  
Carpentry with Sandy Thacker  
Field trip on 6/21 to The Jungle
- Week 3, June 26–June 30**  
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Field trip on 6/28 to Scandia
- Week 4, July 5, 6, & 8**  
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Gymnastics with Judy Baker  
Field trip on 7/12 to Pier 39 activities and optional Alcatraz trip
- Week 6, July 17–July 21**  
Gymnastics with Judy Baker  
Field trip on 7/19 to Lake Temescal
- Week 7, July 24–July 28**  
Golf with Alex Brown  
Field trip on 7/26 to A’s Baseball Game
- Week 8, July 31–August 4**  
Hip Hop (Teacher TBA)  
Field trip on 8/2 to Waterworld
- Week 9, August 7–August 11**  
Sports & Games with Kim Roots  
Field trip on 8/9 to Chabot Space and Science Center
- Week 10, August 14–August 18**  
Sports & Games with Kim Roots  
Field trip on 8/16 to The Jungle  
(Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances.)

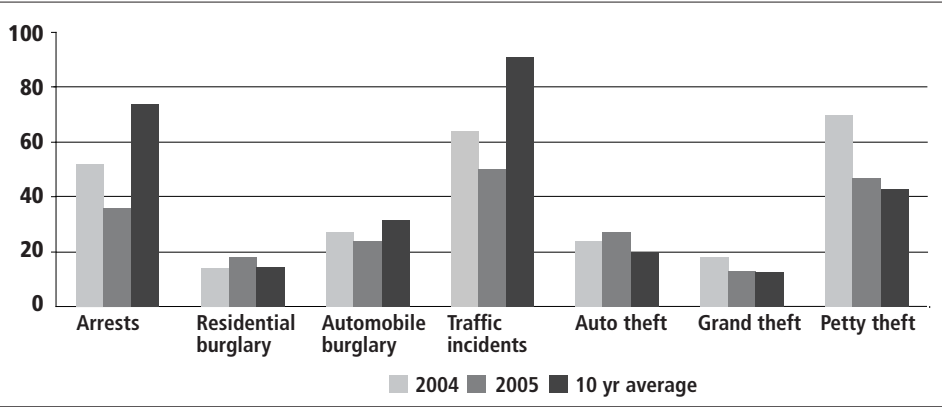
For further information or to request a brochure, call Esther Hill at the Kensington Community Council office at 525-0292. The KCC office is located at 59 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## 2005 Police and Fire Statistics

**Police**—The Kensington chief of police and the Police Protection and Community Services District general manager, Barry Garfield, presented the crime statistics for 2005 at their monthly meeting in February. The figures were presented with comparisons to 2004 and a 10-year average. They show that residential burglaries went up in 2005 from 14 to 18, while automobile burglaries went down from 27 to 24. Theft of automobiles went from 24 to 27, and petty thefts went down from 70 to 47. Total arrests went from 52 in 2004 to 36 in 2005.

**Fire**—Kensington Fire Battalion Chief Lance Maples shared the fire departments

statistics at the February meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District. The department responded 302 times in 2005. On 4 occasions these were to fires, 192 were emergency medical services or rescues, 17 were for hazardous conditions, 57 were for service calls, 15 were “good intent” calls, and 17 responses were for false calls. The responses were predominantly to vehicle fires, chimney fires, and fire alarms. In December there was one serious structure fire on Berkeley Park Boulevard, which caused property damage estimated at \$10,000 and \$2,500 in content loss. The fire was apparently caused by unattended smoking material on a bed.





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**KCC Office**

Building E is located across the grassy field from the Community Center Annex that houses the neighborhood school.

**NOTICES**

**To Register for Class**

Call the office unless otherwise specified. Some classes have enrollment limits; those registering will be notified if they cannot be enrolled.

**Tennis Court Reservations**

Reservations are taken for weekends and holidays only. The earliest reservation is for 9 a.m. Fees are \$2 per hour for Kensington residents, \$5 for others.

Call Esther Hill at 525-0292 for classes and tennis court reservation information.

For information on renting the Community Center, please call Helen Horowitz, 526-4141, at the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District.

**YOUTH CLASSES**

**Gymnastics**

Students should wear loose clothing such as leotards, sweatpants, or shorts. Long hair must be tied in a ponytail.

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Sandy Thacker  
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**Registration**

The winter session ends on  
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Spring session registration  
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The spring session runs from  
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Instructor Nicole Becker, a registered Yoga teacher, was trained in Anusara Yoga and has studied acupuncture and Qi Gong. She describes her teaching style as light-hearted and welcoming and strives to make each student feel cared for in his or her practice of yoga. For more information about the class, please contact Nicole at 798-8148.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15–10:15 a.m.

March 7–30

Classes begin the second week of March.

Fees for residents: \$12 for drop-in

\$40 for 1 class per week for 4 weeks

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To register, call the KCC office at 525-0292

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Alex Brown, USPTA tennis pro, offers classes to a minimum of four students.

To register, call Brown at 524-5495

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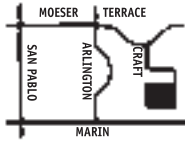
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**Saturday, March 4**

Non-Anesthetic Teeth Cleaning for Dogs and Cats. \$35 each pet. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Rabbit Ears Pet Supply, 303 Arlington (behind ACE Hardware). Info: 525-6155.

**Sunday, March 5**

**Classical sacred dance of India:** Prayers of the World: Embodied in Posture, Gesture, and Voice, by Barbara Bye, twenty-five year student of Bharata Natyam, a collection of prayers from the world's great religions set to voice, movement, mudra, and gesture. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road Kensington, CA 94707. 9:30 a.m. Info: 525-0302.

**Monday, March 6**

**Kensington Community Council Meeting** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 525-0292.

**Tuesday, March 7**

**Naturalist, photographer, and captain** Ronn Patterson will present a slide show entitled *Wild Alaska: Whales, Glaciers and Bears of Wilderness Southeast Alaska*. Free. Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. Info: 527-9622.

**Wednesday, March 8**

**Kensington Fire Protection District** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 527-8395.

**Thursday, March 9**

**Kensington Community Service District** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 525-0292.

**Friday, March 10**

**A Mini Concert Series** hosted by Arlington Community Church involves six concerts, the first features the Pacific Arts Trio with music by Respighi, Debussy, Saint Saens, for harp, cello and flute. Future concerts include bluegrass, medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music with performances by Carolyn Magrete, Bobby Ingrams Alto Sonora wind ensemble, Women's Antique Vocal Ensemble, and Bay Area Classical Harmonies. Price for the series is \$50. 52 Arlington Ave. Kensington. Info: 526-9146.

**Saturday, March 11**

**Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature**, hosted by the Kensington Library This is the third reading and discussion in the series. Led by Dr. Naomi Seidman, the discussion will be on the book by Andre Aciman. Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature, a reading and



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# CALENDAR

discussion series, has been made possible through a grant from Nextbook and the American Library Association. 2 p.m. 61 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Info: 524-3043.

**Women's Mysteries Revisited**, led by Carol Lee Carlisle. Ritual, dance, drumming, and art, with an emphasis on aligning your heart with its truth and beauty. 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Suggested Donation: \$30 + \$5.00 craft fee. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info: 525-0302.

**Sunday March 12**

**Phyllis Stowell Travis** will read from her recent publication *Arc of Grief*, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Kensington, CA 94707. 9:30 a.m. 525-0302.

**Monday, March 13**

**Timbrels and Torahs: A Celebration of Wisdom** a short film, made and presented by local filmmaker Miriam Chaya. This film is a documentary on the *Simchat Hochmah*, or *Joy of Wisdom*, a ritual celebrating the transition of women from mid-life to their elder years. A discussion with Ms. Chaya will follow the film. Free. Kensington Library 61 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Info: 524-3043.

**Tuesday, March 14**

**Dads' Club** will meet in the Hilltop School Teachers Lounge. 7 p.m. Meetings last no longer than an hour.

**Kensington Education Foundation** will meet in the Hilltop School Teachers Lounge. 8 p.m.

**Thursday, March 16**

**The American Constitution as seen from Walnut Creek**, a new perspective on the constitution. Lecture by author Akhil Amar ex-editor of the *Yale Law Journal*, and former clerk for Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. Free. 7:30 p.m. Walnut Creek Downtown Library. 1644 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek, Info: 925-646-6773.

**Saturday, March 18**

**KCC's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Celebration** Silent auction, refreshments, and movie party for kids. \$25 adults 6:30-10 p.m. Kensington Community Center

**Sunday March 19**

**A benefit concert** to help reunite children and parents sponsored by the Human Right's Center, WaisenhausMesse, composed by Mozart reportedly for the inauguration of the orphanage church in Vienna. Combined choirs and orchestra join for this concert that also includes music by Handel, Papandopolis and selections from John Rutter's Mass of

the Children. \$20/\$15 students and seniors. Proceeds go towards Pro Busqueda's search for El Salvador's missing children. 4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info: 525-0302.

**Tuesday, March 21**

**James Janko** will give a talk and reading from his novel *Buffalo Boy and Geronimo*. This is a powerful view of the war in Vietnam and the personal struggles of Vietnamese civilians and a GI. 7 p.m. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito. 526-7512. Free.

**Wednesday, March 22**

**The Kensington Area Republican Women's Club** will host Ernie Lageson, author of books on Alcatraz. Reservations and a check by March 18<sup>th</sup> to Catherine Weeks, 317 Rugby Avenue, Kensington. Lunch at 12:30. Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito.

**Sunday March 26**

**Linda Blachman**, author, counselor, and personal historian: *Sacred Autobiography: The Healing Power of Story, Listening, and Legacy*. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. 525-0302.

**Monday, March 27**

**Kensington Library Book Club** will discuss *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by T. Coraghessan Boyle. 4 p.m., Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Info: 524-3043.

**Tuesday, March 28**


**Kensington Municipal Advisory Council** meets at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Info: 273-9926.

**The El Cerrito Democratic Club** will discuss Democratic candidate endorsements for the June Primary Election. 7:30 p.m. Makemie Hall, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. El Cerrito. Info: 526-4874.

**Saturday, April 1**

**The Kensington Fire Protection District** open house. Come and have fun, meet our firefighters, the Fire Clown, get your face painted, and see the fire engines up close. Also refreshments and emergency preparedness and safety tips. Noon to 4 p.m. 217 Arlington Ave. Kensington. Info: 215-4450.

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# From the case files of the KPD

*This report is based on the many reports in the police logs of the Kensington Police Department. The Outlook is solely responsible for the writing and editing of this report.*

### Events in January

- An Edwin Drive resident saw a suspicious man taking pictures from inside his parked car. Turns out he lives on the next street and was just photographing the neighborhood.
- Someone peppered the deli window with a BB gun on Arlington Avenue during the night.
- An Edgcroft Road resident reported a case of identity theft after discovering that someone was using his credit card to buy gas at a local 76 gas station.
- Two roommates on Highland Boulevard created a disturbance arguing about one of their mothers. The mother was not present.
- A driver on Anson Way backed into another car because the driver was blinded by bright sunlight reflected off the windshield.
- A Honda Civic was stolen from a driveway on Yale Avenue. It was later found, in largely original condition, in Oakland. A second Honda Civic was stolen from Coventry Road and was located in a UC Berkeley parking lot. Yet another Honda Civic was stolen from Yale Circle. This one has yet to be found.
- Someone stole \$15 in change from a minivan on Columbia Avenue.
- A driver from Illinois ran into a light pole on the corner of Arlington Avenue and Arlmont Drive.
- A Highland Avenue youth was reported missing from high school but turned up later without an excuse.
- An alarm call from the mortuary on Colusa Avenue alerted police. Their investigation found no one alive on the premises.
- A thief stole an MP3 player, a Coach backpack, and papers from a car on Rincon Road. The driver was unsure if the car was locked.
- A woman on Arlington Avenue reported that a person was repeatedly leaving illiterate notes on her windshield.
- Some neighbors and a gardener got into an argument. Racial slurs and bags of cuttings were thrown around, and there was much screaming.
- Some teenagers were seen running around on the roof of Hilltop School at night. One was detained and the parents were informed.
- A Nissan on Stanford Avenue was broken into and the thief stole \$60 worth of CDs, a \$150 stereo, and three cans of 10/40 motor oil.
- Two men were arrested after they were seen investigating a building site late in the afternoon. They were carrying burglary tools and a crack pipe. One had an outstanding \$20,000 warrant.
- A suspicious nonlicensed curb painting solicitor was reported on Colgate Avenue.
- A truck on Highland Avenue was found to have nonmatching license plates. The incorrect plate was confiscated.
- An unlicensed driver was stopped on Colusa Avenue. An officer drove the woman home.
- A resident reported seeing a woman pulling the hair of a small girl on Arlington Avenue. The adult, a care provider, said it was to prevent the child from running into the street. The parents and authorities were informed.
- There was a disturbance at a home on Highland Boulevard. Apparently a boy refused to go to school. The arrival of the police convinced him to attend.
- A badly parked car rolled into a fence on Highgate Court.
- A resident of Lawson Road became suspicious and called the police after a door-to-door solicitor was seen dancing on her front porch.
- An Oberlin Avenue householder complained about possible rodent infestations emanating from a neighbor's less-than-pristine yard.
- Several teenagers were apprehended on the Hilltop School grounds late at night. One was pursued on foot; the other two were detained by a police sergeant in a car. Their parents were called, and they returned home.
- A purple couch was dumped on the corner of Kenyon Avenue and Los Altos Drive.
- A thief on a bicycle traded his bike for a better bike, worth \$300, from someone's open garage. The broken discarded bike was later reported as found property.
- A resident reported losing their driver's license but later found it around the corner on Ocean View Avenue.
- Cleaning fluid was said to have set off a burglar alarm on Colusa Avenue.
- A Berkeley woman was found to be intoxicated while driving along Colusa Avenue. The driver was stopped for driving 51 mph in a 25-mph zone. The officer smelled alcohol, and a sobriety check measured her alcohol level at 0.13%, nearly double the legal limit.
- A burglar on Rincon Road made off with \$1,000 worth of possessions from a parked car while the owner took their child into a daycare facility.
- A man answered an email purporting to come from PayPal, and after providing all his details online, including credit card info, to the phony Web site, he found that someone was using his credit card to wire money through Western Union.



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